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# 2024 Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport

#### **OVERVIEW**

The <u>Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport</u> recognizes athletes who have achieved excellence in performance sport and are regarded for their leadership qualities both on and off the field of play. The awards were founded in 2015 and boast an impressive list of former winners. Several past recipients have gone on to Canadian national programs, received university scholarships, competed at the Olympics, and even gone on to play professionally.



## **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for the awards, an athlete must meet the following criteria:

- Has been a permanent resident of B.C. for the last 12 months
- Is of Indigenous ancestry (First Nations, Métis and/or Inuit)
- Is 24 years of age or younger (born in 2000 or later)
- Is actively participating in a recognized provincial sport and/or a regional/traditional sport and shows evidence of high athletic ability and performance results
- Is enrolled in school and is actively pursuing or planning to pursue a post-secondary education Past Regional recipients remain eligible until they are 25 years of age. Past Provincial recipients are not eligible to receive the award in subsequent years.

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### **DESCRIPTION**

The Province of British Columbia and the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council (I-SPARC) have collaborated to establish the Premier's Awards for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sport to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Indigenous youth athletes throughout the province.

### **ONLINE NOMINATION PROCESS**

Please visit <u>ISPARC Grants & Awards</u>, which is the new streamlined process for entering nomination details. To get started, follow the following steps:

- 1. Register an account.
- 2. Start your application (save it in-progress).
- 3. Submit your application to be reviewed.

Nomination period is from September 16 to October 31, 2024.

For any questions or issues with the online application, please email <a href="mailto:premiersawards@isparc.ca">premiersawards@isparc.ca</a>

#### Who can nominate an athlete?

Anyone! A coach, parent, friend, teacher, or the athlete themselves.

# Steps to nominate:

- 1. Review nomination requirements
- 2. Fill in required information about the nominee
- 3. Provide sport information (history in sport/sport achievements)
- 4. Include supporting information (education, leadership, cultural awareness, and future goals)
- 5. Attach reference letters (min.1, max. 3 from a recent coach, teacher, community member, etc.)
- 6. Submit!

